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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**CLAUDIA ANN MERRILL**

**Defendant**

**Case No. 2:20-cr-00001-JCM-BNW**

**FINDINGS OF FACTS**

HAVING COME before the Court upon the defendant, CLAUDIA ANN MERRILL, Motion to Appear by Video Conferencing at Sentencing Hearing, the Government having expressed no opposition, the written consent of the defendant, CLAUDIA ANN MERRILL, having been attached in support of the motion and

1 the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises, therefore, the Court finds  
2 that

3 1. The sentencing hearing in this case is currently scheduled for December  
4 4, 2020 at 10: 30 a.m.

5 2. The defendant has requested that Sentencing proceed by way of Video-  
6 Conferencing in lieu of an in-person hearing and has submitted her written  
7 consent to appear by video-conferencing. The Government does not oppose this  
8 request.  
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10 3. The defendant is not in custody and has had no pretrial violations, has  
11 her principal residence in Michigan and her lead counsel resides and has his office  
12 in Michgian.  
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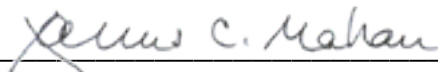
14 4. That proceeding with sentencing by way of video conferencing would  
15 allow the parties to have closure of this matter and that sentencing in person under  
16 these circumstances would result in a serious harm to the interests of justice.

17 FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE-STATED REASONS, good cause warrants a  
18 that the defendant and counsel as well as the Government may appear for  
19 sentencing on December 4, 2020 by way of video-conferencing  
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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the sentencing hearing in United States of America vs. Claudia Ann Merrill, Case No. 2:20-CR\_00001-JCM-BNW, scheduled for DECEMBER 4, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. shall proceed as scheduled by way of Video-Conferencing.

Date: November 20, 2020.

  
Hon JAMES C. MAHAN  
US DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

A copy of the foregoing was served upon counsel of record via Electronic Filing on September 7, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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